

LEND-LEASE

Agreement and exchange of notes signed at New York June 8, 1943
Entered into force June 8, 1943

57 Stat. 978; Executive Agreement Series 324

AGREEMENT

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Liberia is desirous of strengthening its national defenses in order that it may be in a position to protect its territorial integrity and sovereign rights in a world at war;

And whereas the President of the United States of America has determined, pursuant to the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941,¹ that the defense of the Republic of Liberia against aggression is vital to the defense of the United States of America;

And whereas the United States of America has extended and is continuing to extend to the Republic of Liberia aid in resisting aggression;

And whereas it is expedient that the final determination of the terms and conditions upon which the Government of the Republic of Liberia receives such aid and of the benefits to be received by the United States of America in return therefor should be deferred until the extent of the defense aid is known and until the progress of events makes clearer the final terms and conditions and benefits which will be in the mutual interests of the United States of America and the Republic of Liberia and will promote the establishment and maintenance of world peace;

And whereas the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Liberia are mutually desirous of concluding now a preliminary agreement in regard to the provision of defense aid and in regard to certain considerations which shall be taken into account in determining such terms and conditions and the making of such an agreement has been in all respects duly authorized, and all acts, conditions and formalities which it may have been necessary to perform, fulfil or execute prior to the making of such an agreement in conformity with the laws either of the United States of America or of the Republic of Liberia have been performed, fulfilled or executed as required;

¹ 55 Stat. 31.

The undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose, have agreed as follows

ARTICLE I

The Government of the United States of America will continue to supply the Government of the Republic of Liberia with such defense articles, defense services, and defense information as the President of the United States of America shall authorize to be transferred or provided.

ARTICLE II

The Government of the Republic of Liberia will provide to the Government of the United States of America such articles, services, facilities or information as it may be in a position to supply.

ARTICLE III

The Government of the Republic of Liberia will not without the consent of the President of the United States of America transfer title to, or possession of, any defense article or defense information transferred to it under the Act of March 11, 1941 of the Congress of the United States of America or permit the use thereof by anyone not an officer, employee, or agent of the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

ARTICLE IV

If, as a result of the transfer to the Government of the Republic of Liberia of any defense article or defense information, it becomes necessary for that Government to take any action or make any payment in order fully to protect any of the rights of a citizen of the United States of America who has patent rights in and to any such defense article or information, the Government of the Republic of Liberia will take such action or make such payment when requested to do so by the President of the United States of America.

ARTICLE V

The Government of the Republic of Liberia will return to the United States of America at the end of the present emergency, as determined by the President of the United States of America, such defense articles transferred under this Agreement as shall not have been destroyed, lost or consumed and as shall be determined by him to be useful in the defense of the United States of America or of the Western Hemisphere or to be otherwise of use to the United States of America.

ARTICLE VI

In the final determination of the benefits to be provided to the United States of America by the Government of the Republic of Liberia full cogni-

zance shall be taken of all property, services, information, facilities, or other benefits or considerations provided by the Government of the Republic of Liberia subsequent to March 11, 1941, and accepted or acknowledged by the President on behalf of the United States of America.

ARTICLE VII

In the final determination of the benefits to be provided to the United States of America by the Government of the Republic of Liberia in return for aid furnished under the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941, the terms and conditions thereof shall be such as not to burden commerce between the two countries, but to promote mutually advantageous economic relations between them and the betterment of world-wide economic relations. To that end, they shall include provision for agreed action by the United States of America and the Republic of Liberia, open to participation by all other countries of like mind, directed to the expansion, by appropriate international and domestic measures, of production, employment, and the exchange and consumption of goods, which are the material foundations of the liberty and welfare of all peoples; to the elimination of all forms of discriminatory treatment in international commerce; to the reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers; and, in general, to the attainment of all the economic objectives set forth in the Joint Declaration made on August 14, 1941, by the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, known as the Atlantic Charter.²

At an early convenient date, conversations shall be begun between the two Governments with a view to determining, in the light of governing economic conditions, the best means of attaining the above-stated objectives by their own agreed action and of seeking the agreed action of other like-minded Governments.

ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement shall take effect as from this day's date. It shall continue in force until a date to be agreed upon by the two Governments.

Signed and sealed in the city of New York in duplicate this eighth day of June 1943.

For the Government of the United States of America:

HENRY SERRANO VILLARD

[SEAL]

Special Representative

For the Government of the Republic of Liberia:

WALTER F. WALKER

[SEAL]

Consul General of Liberia in New York

² EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 686.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

*The Liberian Consul General at New York to the Special Representative
of the United States*

CONSULATE GENERAL OF LIBERIA

NEW YORK

June 8, 1943

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement signed in the city of New York on this day, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Liberia on the principles applying to mutual aid under the Lend-Lease Act of the United States of America of March 11, 1941, and to set forth the understanding of the Government of the Republic of Liberia of the relationship between this Agreement and the Agreement concluded between our Governments on March 31, 1942,³ as follows:

The Agreement signed this day states in terms of general principles the basis on which aid under the Act of March 11, 1941 is to be furnished to the Republic of Liberia.

The provisions of Article V[5] of the Agreement of March 31, 1942, and the accompanying letter of the same date addressed by the Special Representative of the President of the United States of America to the President of Liberia,⁴ are interpreted as setting forth specific applications of the general principles contained in the Agreement signed this day, and especially of Article I, and as enumerating the defense aids which the Government of the United States of America has undertaken, for the time being, to supply the Government of the Republic of Liberia, under the Lend-Lease Act and otherwise.

If the Government of the United States of America concurs in the foregoing, I would suggest that the present note and your reply to that effect be regarded as placing on record the understanding of our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

WALTER F. WALKER

HENRY SERRANO VILLARD, Esquire,
*Special Representative of the United States of America,
New York, New York.*

³ EAS 275, *ante*, p. 626.

⁴ Not printed.

*The Special Representative of the United States to the Liberian Consul
General at New York*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NEW YORK

June 8, 1943

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date concerning the relationship between the Agreement signed in the city of New York on this day between the Government of the Republic of Liberia and the Government of the United States of America and the Agreement concluded between our Governments on March 31, 1942.

In reply I am glad to inform you that the Government of the United States of America agrees with the understanding of the Government of the Republic of Liberia as expressed in that note. In accordance with the suggestion contained therein, your note and this reply will be regarded as placing on record the understanding between our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

HENRY SERRANO VILLARD

WALTER F. WALKER, Esquire,
Consul General of Liberia in New York.